

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Music Ministry

YOUTH CHOIR HANDBOOK
FALL 2023

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Rehearsals

Rehearsals are generally held weekly (September to May) from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the Church Choir Loft. We begin and end on time so we appreciate the children being there ready to go at 5:00pm. If there is a specific reason for a regular lateness, please let us know. You should enter the church front entrance on Wellwood Ave.

Please have your child use the bathroom before rehearsal. We have a very limited amount of time to get through all the music.

At the end of rehearsal, children are dismissed out front entrance of the church on Wellwood Ave, please come pick your child up there. We should have a note in advance if someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up the child. The children will not be allowed to exit the church without a parent/guardian present.

Hall Monitors

As an extra safety measure, we ask for parent volunteers to act as “Hall Monitors” in the church during rehearsals. Hall Monitors ensure the safety of the children should they need to leave the choir loft during a rehearsal for any reason (bathroom, coming in late/leaving early, etc.). Hall Monitors rotate on a weekly basis and no training is required. If you are interested in becoming a Hall Monitor, please reach out to Sam or Erin.

Mass

Singers are asked to arrive at least fifteen minutes before the start of Mass, unless a different “call time” is announced. The singers should be dressed appropriately for Mass. Please no jeans, shorts, sneakers, flip flops, etc.

There are occasions where we will sing with the Adult Choir. Sometimes, because of space limitations and possible later ending times, we must limit who can sing. Limitations will be announced in advance.

Talking and misbehaving during Mass and concerts are not acceptable. If we feel any singers are being distracting to the other choir members, we may ask them to sit with their family members for the remainder of Mass/concert.

Special Events

There are special liturgies and concerts that the choir sings for throughout the year. Singing for Taizé Prayer (October/March), Advent Lessons and Carols (early December), and our Spring Concert (end of May/early June) is an important part of our ministry. Please be sure to consult the annual calendar and take special note of these dates.

Please take note of dress requirements for the following events:

Advent Lessons and Carols and Taizé Prayer

- Solid black top and bottom (skirt, slacks or solid black dress)
- Black dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

Spring Concert

- Solid pastel top (yellow, pink, blue, green, ...)
- Solid black bottoms (skirt, slacks)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

Palm Sunday Procession and Vigil Mass, Pentecost Vigil Mass, Confirmation

- Solid red top
- Solid black bottoms (skirt, slacks)
- Dress shoes (no sneakers, boots, etc.)

If the cost of these dress items presents a difficulty, please do not hesitate to let us know. We can work something out ☺.

Cell Phone Use

The use of cell phones or other electronic devices for phone calls, texting, social media, or games during rehearsals or Mass is not allowed.

Communication

Please let us know if your child has to miss or be late to a rehearsal or Mass. Feel free to email, call or text. Communication is very important. We will do our best to communicate any last-minute changes to you via email.

Sickness and Germs

If your singer is not feeling well, please do not have them come to rehearsal or Mass. Germs are spread easily in choirs because everyone is in close proximity to one another.

Inclement weather

If parish events are cancelled, we will not meet. If you don't feel safe driving, don't come. We will email if rehearsal is cancelled.

Parish Website

Check the parish website www.olphlindhurst.com for updates.

Fall/Winter 2023 Schedule

Monday, September 11: First rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Monday, September 18: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, September 24: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, September 25: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, October 1: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, October 2: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Thursday, October 5th: Taizé Prayer Around the Cross, 7:30pm, 6:45pm call time

Sunday, October 8: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, October 16: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, October 22: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, October 23: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, October 29: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, October 30: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, November 5: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, November 6: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, November 12: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, November 13: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, November 20: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Tuesday, November 21: 7:00-8:00

Thursday, November 23: 9:00 am Mass, 8:30 call

Monday, November 27: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Thursday, November 30: Adult Choir Rehearsal: 7:00-8:00

Sunday, December 3: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Sunday, December 3: Lessons and Carols, call time 6:30pm

Sunday, December 10: 10 am Mass, 9:15 call

Monday, December 11: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, December 17: 10 am Mass, 9:45 call

Monday, December 18: Rehearsal (5:00-6:00)

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm Mass, 3:15pm call



St. Cecilia

Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Church Music
230 A.D.

*Holy Cecilia, Heroic martyr
who stayed faithful to Jesus, your divine bridegroom,
Give us faith to rise above our persecutors
and to see in them the image of our Lord.
We know that you were a musician,
and we are told that you heard angels sing.
Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people
by filling the air with God's gift of music,
and reminding them of the Divine Musician
who created all beauty. Amen.*

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